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<i>Examiner Name</i>	Patrick T. Lewis
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	12372-002001

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 8, 2003

In reply to the action mailed January 8, 2003, please amend the application as indicated on the following pages. Applicant asks that all claims be allowed in view of the amendment to the claims and remarks contained on the following sheets, a total of 8 pages.

Enclosed is a check for the Three-Month Petition for Extension of Time fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No.: 12372-002001.

Respectfully submitted,

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